



# GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

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- Grants related to the maintenance, care and interpretation of exhibits housed within zoos, botanical gardens and aquariums.
- Assistance in planning and developing trails, parks and natural areas with volunteers in local communities.
- Funding to expand peer support services, peer leadership and peer engagement strategies statewide for adults with serious mental illness.
- Grants to develop innovative ways to connect audiences in virtual spaces, offer socially distant programs and ensure that communities still have access to creativity, literature and the important stories and ideas embedded in books.
- Grants to improve access to mental health care for children through the use of novel models or approaches.
- Grants for volunteers to support and help restore public lands that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Paid internships in the field of clean energy.
- Fellowships in Washington, DC, for graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources.

## Questions?

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## On the state level...

### Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Grant Program (2021-2026)

Funding is available for expenses related to the care, maintenance and interpretation of eligible collections.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be municipal or not-for-profit organizations that own, house and care for living or systematically organized collections of biological specimens and that primarily provide such services to the general public on a regular and predictable basis. Eligible collections must meet at least one of the below definitions:

(a) preserved and systematically organized biological objects such as vascular and nonvascular plants, vertebrate and invertebrate animals and fossils which are interpreted in conjunction with living collections; and/or, (b) living animals and plants which are cared for and interpreted for the public in artificial or substitute habitats as captives or transplants; and/or (c) natural habitats of New York State which are formally dedicated in perpetuity to be maintained as viable, natural ecological associations for wild animals and plants, and which are interpreted for the public.

Eligible organizations may include, but are not necessarily limited to zoos, botanical gardens, arboretums, aquariums, bird sanctuaries, natural habitat preserves, natural science museums and nature and environmental centers.

- **Deadline:** January 15, 2021
- **Funding:** is for a five-year period with the total amount yet to be determined.
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## On the federal level...

### National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA), Community Assistance in Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

When a community asks for assistance with a project through the National Park Service, staff provide free, on-location and virtual facilitation and planning expertise. Adapting best practices specific to a community's needs, they will help to define a project vision, inventory and map



community resources, identify and analyze key issues and opportunities, engage collaborative partners and stakeholders, design community outreach and participation strategies, develop plans for trails, parks and natural areas, assist in setting priorities and consensus building, identify funding sources and develop a sustainable organizational framework to support the project.

■ **Eligibility:** Applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations or citizen groups. National Parks and other federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations.

■ **Deadline:** on-going

■ **Funding:** uncertain

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Website: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm>

### U.S. Department of Health and Social Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

The purpose of this program is to improve efforts to address the needs of adults with serious mental illness (SMI) by developing and/or expanding peer support services, peer leadership and peer engagement strategies statewide. The population of focus is adults with SMI, including those who are underserved and under-represented (e.g., consumers from ethnic, racial and cultural minority groups); veterans; individuals who are chronically homeless; individuals with co-occurring disorders (COD); sexual orientation and gender identity minorities; and individuals who have been involved in the criminal justice system. It is expected that this program will increase access to and quality of mental health services for adults with SMI, increase the sustainability of consumer-operated organizations and enhance state capacity and infrastructure to support the recovery of adults with SMI and their families.

■ **Eligibility:** Eligibility is limited to domestic public and private non-profit entities, tribes and Urban Indian organizations that are mental health consumer-operated organizations for at least two years and are not operating under the umbrella of another organization.

■ **Funding:** \$1.2 million is available for 12 awards of up to \$95,000 per year for up to three years.

■ **Deadline:** Jan. 4, 2021

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## On the private level...

### Arts Midwest, National Endowment (NEA) for the Arts, Big Read Program

For nearly 15 years, NEA Big Read has inspired communities to come together over the joy of a good book. While we can't all come together in-person this year to the extent we have in the past, Arts Midwest seeks to support organizations as they test innovative ways to connect their audiences in virtual spaces, offer socially distant programs and ensure that communities still have access to creativity, literature and the important stories and ideas embedded in these books. Arts Midwest manages all grant applications for the NEA Big Read from eligible applicants nationwide and serves as the program manager on behalf of the NEA.

■ **Eligibility:** Applicant organizations for NEA Big Read must be a 501c(3) nonprofit; a division of state, local or tribal government; or a tax-exempt public library. Eligible organizations include arts centers, arts councils, arts organizations, community service organizations, environmental organizations, fairs and festivals, faith-based organizations, historical societies, housing authorities, humanities councils, institutions of higher education, libraries, literary centers, museums, school districts, theater companies, trade associations and tribal governments.

■ **Deadline:** Jan. 27, 2021

■ **Funding:** Up to \$20,000

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### The Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation (KTGF) Access to Care Initiative

The foundation funds programs in children's mental health, principally in the areas of childhood/adolescent depression and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). It is often difficult for parents to access appropriate and high-quality care when confronted with challenging mental health needs of their children. This is especially true for families with limited support and financial resources. Recent research suggests that access to mental health care for children does not appear to be improving. KTGF is soliciting applications for academic investigators conducting research to demonstrate the benefits of new health care delivery methods or prevention approaches, most particularly applications that build on promising pilot work and aim to develop larger demonstration projects. KTGF is most interested in improving access to mental health care for children through the use of novel models or approaches, including digital technology (e.g. the internet, apps for cell phones), expanding the number of professional and paraprofessional treatment personnel who are trained to deliver mental health services and delivering care in non-psychiatric settings. Primary outcomes should include the measurement of improved access and/or reduced time to service delivery, as well as the following secondary outcomes: minimizing the burdens and maladaptive behaviors associated with mental health problems in children; decreasing the development of secondary comorbid disorders, and the development of adverse educational, relational and health outcomes; and improving the functioning of youth and their families.

■ **Eligibility:** Academic researchers from universities or research institutions that provide mental and behavioral health programs for children and adolescents are eligible. Investigators can be at any stage in their career but must have collected enough pilot data to inform the development of the proposed research project and must be well enough established to lead an effort such as this.

■ **Deadline:** Jan. 10, 2021

■ **Funding:** The foundation expects to make up to two grant awards. Each award will be in the amount of \$50,000 per year over a two-year period, for a total of \$100,000 per grant.

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## National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), Restoration and Resilience COVID Recovery Fund

Funding is available to support public lands that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic. With social distancing regulations in place, people are turning to the outdoors more than ever for exercise and rejuvenation. At the same time, the agencies and organizations responsible for maintaining public lands are hampered by reductions in staff, volunteers and resources, leaving them ill-equipped to keep up with increased human presence in these delicate ecosystems on top of existing maintenance backlogs. In response, NEEF has established the Restoration & Resilience COVID Recovery Fund to help restore these special places by distributing resources and mobilizing volunteers. Through this funding, NEEF will sponsor public lands sites in order to demonstrate the need for volunteer service to restore public lands that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic, engage volunteers in restoration and conservation projects that address the impacts of the pandemic, contribute to improvement of the sponsored public land sites through community engagement, as evidenced by volunteer participation numbers, types of projects, value of volunteer service and conservation outputs.

- **Eligibility:** Open to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, state or federal government agencies, federally recognized tribes and local governments and educational institutions. The organization must have been in existence for at least two years.
- **Deadline:** Sponsorships will be awarded on a rolling basis to allow flexibility in the timing of projects and compliance with local regulations related to the pandemic. NEEF will review applications on a bimonthly basis and select up to 15 projects for sponsorship.
- **Funding:** Applicants can request up to \$2,500 to be spent over six months.
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## Scholar awards...

### New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), NYS Clean Energy Internship Program

Through this program, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will provide funding to clean energy businesses or organizations hiring interns to perform meaningful work in the clean energy sector. With this Program Opportunity Notice (PON), both clean energy businesses and interns apply to participate in the program. NYSEDA will collect applications from both the businesses and potential interns and verify business and intern eligibility to participate in the program. Accepted businesses or organizations will select, interview and make an offer to intern candidates. The internship program is designed to provide funding support for new intern hires to introduce eligible individuals to jobs in clean energy careers.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible Businesses are defined as energy efficiency and clean technology businesses, organizations or municipalities that have dedicated energy efficiency or clean technology positions as an integrated part of their business or organizational practices, including start-up companies, or business

or labor management organizations working on behalf of energy efficiency or clean technology businesses. Eligible Businesses must also be a private for-profit business (including LLPs and LLCs) or a private not-for-profit business. Local municipalities and counties are also eligible to participate. Eligible Businesses must be located in the electric System Benefits Charge (SBC)/ Clean Energy Fund (CEF) service territories. Additional qualifying criteria can be found on the website below.

- **Deadline:** Rolling through December 2024, or until funding is depleted.
- **Funding:** Up to \$7.5 million is available. Reimbursement is on a sliding scale from 75 to 90 percent of wages and employee wages up to \$17.00 an hour.
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Website: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Workforce-Development/NYS-Clean-Energy-Internships>

### Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

The Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship provides a unique educational and professional experience to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources. The Fellowship matches highly qualified graduate students with "hosts" in the legislative and executive branch of government located in the Washington, DC area for a one year paid fellowship.

- **Eligibility:** Any student, regardless of citizenship, is eligible to apply for this opportunity if: the student is enrolled toward a degree in a graduate program at any point between the 2020 Fall Term and February 19, 2021, the graduate degree will be awarded through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or U.S. Territories and the student has an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in national policy decisions affecting those resources.
- **Deadline:** Feb. 19, 2021
- **Funding:** At least 35 applicants, including approximately 17 who will be assigned to the Legislative branch, will be chosen as fellows. Funding is in the amount of \$84,000 which includes base funding for each award at \$66,500. Of this, \$61,500 is to be used by the eligible Sea Grant program to cover the fellow's salary/stipend for the twelve months of the fellowship and \$5,000 can be used to cover allowable expenses. Applications should also include travel costs totaling \$17,000. They are not guaranteed, however, and subject to fellowship placement.
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Website: <https://seagrant.umaine.edu/funding-opportunities/dean-john-a-knauss-marine-policy-fellowship/>





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### Introduction to Finding Grants:

This class will provide an introduction for finding grants for nonprofits, including what funders are looking for and a hands-on guided online research session.

### Introduction to Proposal Writing:

This class provides a standard overview of how to write a proposal for a foundation grant and includes a hands-

on personalized session in developing a proposal outline.

### Introduction to Project Budgets:

This class will provide step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. Prior attendance of Introduction to Proposal Writing is strongly recommended.

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[www.candid.org/contact-us](http://www.candid.org/contact-us)

**For a schedule of classes, visit:**  
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